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SUBJ: DENIAL OF POLISH VISA TO AMERICAN CITIZEN: LLOYD MORRISON

1. THE EMBASSY HAS A LETTER FROM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, LLOYD MORRISON, WHO PRESENTLY LIVES WITH HIS POLISH-BORN WIFE, HELENA ZIELINSKA, AND THEIR TEN-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER, CAMILLA, IN WEST BERLIN (UHLANDSTRASSE 99), IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING A POLISH VISA. HE HAS ASKED US TO INTERVENE WITH THE POLISH AUTHORITIES ON HIS BEHALF.

2. MR. MORRISON, WHO CLAIMS THAT HE LIVED THE LIFE OF A "GLOBETROTTER" FROM 1959 UNTIL 1972, SAYS THAT HE VISITED MOST COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE, WHERE HE MADE MANY PERSONAL FRIENDS, ALTHOUGH HE HAD DIFFICULTIES, HE SAYS, WITH WARSAW PACT OFFICIALDOM. HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET BACK TO POLAND WITH HIS WIFE SINCE 1975 TO VISIT HER FAMILY. NOW, WITH THE BIRTH OF THEIR CHILD, HE WOULD LIKE THE EMBASSY'S HELP IN GETTING A VISA FOR A FAMILY VISIT TO POLAND. HE CLAIMS THAT THE REFUSALS OF HIS VISA APPLICATIONS WERE BASED ON WHAT THE POLISH AUTHORITIES CHARACTERIZE AS HOSTILE STATEMENTS HE
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MADE AGAINST POLAND. (NOTE: MORRISON HAS WRITTEN US THAT HE OBTAINED POLISH VISAS A NUMBER OF TIMES BETWEEN 1973 AND 1975 BY APPLYING AT POLISH MISSIONS IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WHICH, APPARENTLY, WERE NOT AWARE THAT WARSAW HAD INSTRUCTED THE POLISH MILITARY MISSION IN WEST BERLIN AND THE POLISH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN TO TURN DOWN HIS APPLICATIONS.

END NOTE.)

3. COMMENT: THIS IS A NEW CATEGORY OF VISA DENIAL
TO AMERICAN CITIZENS; UP TO NOW, WE HAVE NOT RAISED WITH THE MFA CASES

OF AMERICANS, RELATED ONLY BY MARRIAGE TO PERSONS
BORN IN POLAND, WHO ARE RESIDING OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED
STATES - EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF MICHAEL CULLEN. WE
PROPOSE TO RAISE THIS CASE IN A LOW KEY FASHION WITH
THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT WHEN NEXT AN EMBASSY OFFICER
HAS BUSINESS THERE, UNLESS WE HEAR TO THE CONTRARY FROM
THE DEPARTMENT.

4. MR. MORRISON HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT OUR RESPONSE
TO HIS INQUIRY VIA THE US MISSION WEST BERLIN. IF THE
DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH US TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE
MFA, PLEASE INCLUDE USMISSION AS AN ADDRESSEE. WE
WOULD SUGGEST THAT US MISSION ADVISE MR. MORRISON
THAT THIS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED HIS INQUIRY ABOUT
A POLISH VISA - THAT WE WILL TRY TO DETERMINE FROM
THE POLISH MFA WHAT THE PROBLEM IS IN HIS CASE - BUT
THAT HE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF
ANY STATE TO ISSUE OR REFUSE VISAS IS A WELL
ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. OUR
INQUIRY TO THE MFA WILL BE BASED ON HUMANITARIAN
GROUNDS OF TEMPORARY FAMILY REUNIFICATION.
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5. ANY INFORMATION USMISSION BERLIN MIGHT HAVE
ON THIS CASE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. END COMMENT.
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